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Sovereignty resides and flows from the people in a democracy. These precepts are embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in modern constitutions in the world. For democracy to deliver, citizens must be fully informed about issues that can improve their lives. They must be free to come together and work with the government to make the nation a better place.

Citizen/Citizenship

The term has an inherently political meaning that implies a certain type of relationship between the people and the government. Citizens have a set of rights and responsibilities which include the right to participate in decisions that affect public welfare. Citizenship of a state may be acquired either by birth or by naturalization. Turner defined citizenship as a form of legal identity and the individual person inherits through a collection of legal rights and obligations. Citizenship can be perceived to be made up or divided into civil citizenship, social citizenship, and political citizenship.

Political citizenship is associated with the participation in the democratic exercise of political power either as a member of a political community (as a voter) or as an individual elected by the members of such community

Ethical Citizenship understands active participation in a collective stride towards the public good.

Integrative citizenship needs engagement in a wide sphere of participation that can go beyond formal political practices.

Educative citizenship refers to the process that develops a moral, practical, and intellectual sense of self individuals when they practice citizenship.

Citizen's rights

Rights and Rules are the groundwork of the state since it exists to enable men to live and develop fully. In order to let the citizens participate in the affairs of the government a set of rights are essential. Important citizen rights in the Nigerian constitution include right to life, right to work, right to freedom of speech, writing and publication.

## Democracy

Democracy etymologically is derived from the Latin words 'demos' which means people and 'kratos' which means power. That is rule by the people. Democracy originated from ancient Greece where in city states citizens were free to meet frequently in assemblies which had the power to make laws. Since there's no concrete definition of democracy there are some key sentences in defining democracy which are

1. Fundamental rights of the citizens is guaranteed
2. Independent and partial judiciary
3. Freedom of press
4. Free and fair periodic elections

### Duties and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy

While the state provides rights and liberties, all citizens have to the state democratic citizens understand that they don't only have rights they have responsibilities to the state. A few of those responsibilities include

1. Citizens in a democracy have to vote for leaders of their choice
2. A citizen should be willing to pay taxes so as to fund the government
3. A good citizen must obey the law
4. A good citizen must refrain from destructive criticisms but constructive ones to the government
5. A good citizen must refrain from interference with the rights of other members of the community and properties of other citizens